(b) how many of them got themselves absorbed or re-employed directly or indirectly in UN, WTO, WHO, IMF and World Bank, during the past three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Information sought in respect of the Ministry of External Affairs is nil.

Debate on CTBT

2100. SHRI V.P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the National Defence Missile System Testing by the USA, Government of India still, considering to debate in Parliament about India signing the CTBT and also arriving at a consensus; and

(b) if so, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Government's position on the CTBT has been and shall continue to be based on considerations of national security and national interest alone. It takes into account but is not conditioned on developments in the area of ballistic missile defences and their possible implications.

Reunification of Korean Peninsula

2101. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a long shadow of war from the divided Korean Peninsula paved the way for eventual reunification during the recent South Korean President's visit to North Korea;

(b) whether an apprehension was also expressed that family reunions were becoming increasingly urgent with the passage of time as many of the family members are passing away and have to attend their lifelong wishes; and

(c) if so, whether Prime Minister would take up the matter with Pakistani counterpart to bring the conception of federation of the